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For :	LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHIC METHOD AND SYSTEM	)	Date: September 24, 2004

**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed July 9, 2004, in the above-identified case, please amend this application as follows: